



The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care  
Coalition canadienne pour un système de santé écologique

“Climate Change is the biggest global health threat of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

*The Lancet and University College London Institute for Global Health Commission*

## Green Health Leaders' Initiative

**A project of the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care**

*Inaugural meeting with the Canadian College of Health Leaders, HealthCareCAN, and Synergie Santé Environnement*

### The Vision

To engage senior health executives, board members, medical staff, corporate sustainability leads, governments, associations and industry in a movement to improve climate change resiliency and environmental stewardship in Canadian health care. Green Health Leaders can become champions of change for their communities and the broader health care system and inspire their peers, patients, other organizations and the public to take action.

### Why we need leadership engagement now

- Carbon pricing
- Critical need for business continuity in the face of increasing severe weather events
- New risks to patient safety
- Increased need for loss prevention and cost reduction
- New regulations
- Increased public expectations regarding environmental stewardship

### Strategic Priorities for Green Health Leaders' Initiative Under Development

Green Health Leaders Forum

Green Hospital Scorecard

Going Green Guide for Health Care Leadership

Green Governance, Risk and Compliance

Climate Change Resiliency Toolkit

### Expected Outcomes

- Improved facility operations, better patient outcomes, occupant comfort and staff loyalty
- Improved brand image, trust and reputation of participating health facilities and their leaders
- Increased knowledge and adoption of innovative technologies and strategies to improve energy management, waste handling and environmental stewardship
- Risk reduction from climate change impacts (i.e. weather- and disease-related hazards)
- Deeper understanding of cost and loss reduction strategies
- Expanded knowledge of environmental best practices and environmental performance benchmarking
- Better understanding of how to communicate and overcome barriers to change

### What can Green Health Leaders do?

- Make environmental stewardship a strategic priority for their organization
- Empower and inspire staff to take specific actions
- Commit to measure and benchmark performance
- Connect with like-minded advocates who are leading change
- Become nationally recognized leaders for environmental stewardship and climate change resiliency within Canadian health care

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